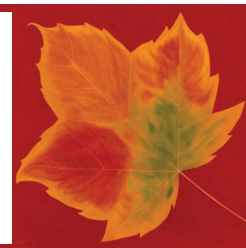




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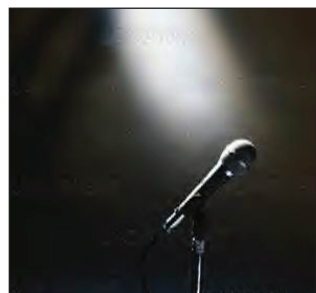
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Fuel for Thought

Students make the most of every gallon in energy crisis

MATT MARTIN '09
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

Gasoline prices are through the roof and everyone is looking for ways to save money. Alternative energy resources such as ethanol and biodiesel are being introduced as substitutes, but is it doing any good?

In 2007, the Energy Information Administration (EIA) estimated that vehicles consumed 139 billion gallons of gasoline versus a meager 6.8 billion gallons of ethanol. Biodiesel usage is even too obscure to mention when compared with petroleum fuels. New trends in diverse energy and conservation are coming, but until then, people should focus less on changing their lives and more on changing their lifestyles.



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PENNY PINCHING With an energy crisis looming, students are beginning to take interest in alternative fuels. Small lifestyle changes, like properly inflating your tires and obeying speed limits, can go a long way

Two LVC students admit the reality of dealing with high gas prices. "Our time is coming, but for now I drive sensibly and walk when I can."

"I'm not in a position to make a great change," says Todd Miller '09, business administration and ac-

For the most part, energy-efficient vehicles are scarce and ex-

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Cookie crumbles

Health concerns lead to cafeteria cutbacks

NINA BALOGH '10
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

It is hard not to notice the changes being made within the cafeteria, especially the absence of cookies every other day.

There have been rumors that the change was due to Hallmark Food Services wanting to save money.

Today, however, the issue of health is at stake.

With the bakers making two hundred dozen cookies daily



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M.I.A. Students have remained in the dark about the fate of a staple in LVC dining. A change in Dining Services policy in effort to reduce caloric intake means that cookies will only be distributed every other day

there comes the caloric intake students seem to forget about. The decision to switch cookies from every day to every other day was made on Monday, Sept. 22. Although Dining Services may have LVC students' best interests at heart, many students don't quite see it that way.

"I'm mad about the cookies," said Laurel Klappholz '10, an English communications

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★ DECISION 2008 ★ Teach-in brings forums and open debate

Large turnout suggests student interest in campaign

NATE YINGER '09
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A series of 11 teach-ins were held on campus last Wednesday and Thursday, bringing the 2008 presidential election to students and faculty.

Topics included voting rights in Pennsylvania, the potential for change in the 2008 elections, faith in politics, the media's role in shaping presidential elections, and what makes a successful presidential portrait. Many of the teach-ins were conducted by LVC faculty with help from students and local professionals.

According to Dr. Grant Taylor, assistant professor of art history and digital communications, this was the most attended teach-in at LVC in recent memory.

"With everyone thinking about the upcoming elections, this is a 'hot' topic," he said. "Students want to be informed and also want to share their opinions. Leedy Theater was nearly filled to capacity for the 'Faith and Politics' session. I've never witnessed that for a teach-in session."

The first teach-in was held in religion lecturer Dr. Chris Rodkey's Encountering World Religions classes on Wednesday.

Ms. Heidi Neiswender, representing the League of Women Voters

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NEWS

Pope, Pam, Trump...and you

Like them or not, blogs are quickly becoming the next phase of journalism

TONY GORICK '11

LA VIE STAFF WRITER

The Pope has one. Donald Trump has one. Pamela Anderson has one. Heck, even the United States Department of the State has one.

It is defining a generation, capitalizing on technology, and turning into a phenomenon so powerful it has taken the world by storm: the blog.

This technological wonder is a Web site created and used by an individual to typically express information, opinions, or any other type of content in a journalistic way. Usually users can leave "comments" on other users' entries, interact with multimedia content, and even add links to other sites.

The idea was simple: give normal people the chance to express themselves in a way that gives them control. It started as a unique hobby that appealed to the computer savvy internet junkie during the 90s.

Then it spread like wildfire.

It is the year 2008 and blogs are now in the millions.

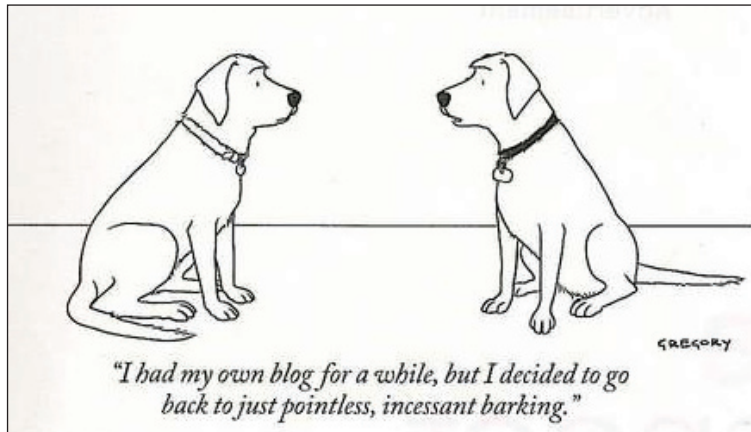
Approximately 185.62 million to be exact.

A mish-mash assortment of blogs ranging from hair design and mountain biking to political humor and music create a "blogosphere" online bursting with culture and opinion. Instantaneous information is at a user's fingertips.

What could possibly be out there?

The answer? Everything.

According to Technorati, a current website that monitors internet use and tracks data, top blogs include celebrity gossip like TMZ.com, auto



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analysis like autoblog.com, and social networking information like Mashable.com.

Close to the top of the pack is one blog that covers almost everything: Boingboing.net. Aside from the fun-to-say name, the site also provides enough information to make someone go crazy. It is even self-described as a "directory of wonderful things."

In addition to mainstream sites like TMZ and Boingboing, Web sites like Blogger.com and Wordpress.com have made blogging even easier for the average person.

Wordpress boasted 4,164,259 blog posts in one week alone. With easy-to-use interfaces, more and more people are turning to sites like Blogger and Wordpress to hop on the virtual phenomenon and create a blog of their own.

The possibilities really are endless. StormChaserCo.blogspot.com follows two storm chasers during their adventures in tornado alley while TheCoasterCritic.blogspot.com informs readers about the latest amusement park news. There is even a blog about energy drinks at Energy-drink-ratings.blogspot.com.

However, not everyone is excited about this blogging trend.

Summer 2008 was a battleground in journalism. The Associated Press felt the pressure after citing unauthorized quotes and information taken from articles on the internet. It was a war between the blogger and the Press, and there does not seem to be a near conclusion.

Patrick Goldstein, journalist for the *Los Angeles Times*, wrote an article about the superficiality of the online blogging world.

Also, *Washington Post* journalist Michael Tunison was fired from his job after posting on a sports Web site. It caused uproar and people criticized the motives behind the Post's decision.

It has only begun. The controversy between whether or not blogs can be professional will not stop. Even in the wake of USAToday.com, NewYorkTimes.com, and TheChicagoTribune.com adding blogs to their sites, the issue will progress.

Here at Lebanon Valley College, there is a contrast in opinion over what the use of blogs should be.

"I think they're pointless," says Kathleen O'Grady '11. "I could do

better things with my time than blog about my life."

Others agreed.

"I think it is a kind of a waste of time," says John Endres '11.

The possibility of internet danger has also posed problems for the blog community. Cautionary warnings appear all over the web about making too much information public.

"Never had one, never subscribed to one," Amy Kilby '09 states. "I think it is really lame and dangerous to put your whole life on the internet to read."

On the flip side, another student embraced the idea.

"I like knowing that my point of view is getting across to anybody in the blogging community," Alyssa Kreider '10 says. "I also like to appease the humor of my friends."

Kreider maintains a blog at She-nanigansOfTheValley.blogspot.com.

"It is specifically about the 'she-nanigans' occurring on campus," she says.

Brittany Tobias '11 also maintains a blog that blends music, music reviews, videos and other interesting content that makes checking out NotJustAnotherIndieHipster.blogspot.com worth it.

Whether or not other students are interested in creating one is another thing.

"I don't think people would read it because nothing exciting happens to me," admits Lis Garret '11. "It's just stupid stuff that would make me look stupid."

"They're fantastic," says Caitlin Krause '10, "but I have too much writing for school already. I don't

have time." Blogs are getting national attention in a way that directly affects America: placement on both the Republican National Committee and Democratic National Committee Web sites.

With the McCain vs. Obama election hitting its peak, these blogs are popping with political satire, news articles, and enough interactive possibilities to make even the most patriotic individual overwhelmed.

How much more acceptance does the blog need if America's next president is already using the medium?

Even if you do not have a blog, are disgusted by the concept, or simply have no time to care, it is impossible to overlook the impact it is making. With the future of printed newspapers already questionable due to the internet, the whole concept of blogs continues to be an issue.

However the controversy only enhances the interest.

It is so simple yet has changed the face of journalism and the Web. Is it a fad? Will it eventually burn out? It is highly unlikely.

Besides, in an ironic twist, the same journalist from the *Los Angeles Times* who bashed blogs for being superficial and weak has just released his new project.

Can you guess what it is?

A blog.

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SGA: Dutchman OneCard to be revealed October 22

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President Stephen MacDonald opened the meeting on Monday, expressing excitement for the addition of men's and women's lacrosse to LVC athletics. LVC will now have all 23 sports that are being competed at the collegiate level. Lacrosse will most likely be competitive in the spring of 2010. And yes, Albright will be adding lacrosse as well.

The Dutchman OneCard will finally be released to students on October 22, 23 and 24. There was a problem with licensing, so the cards had to be sent back to be corrected, again. Other concerns included the unfairness of the meal plan "screwing students over" and hopefully it will be reviewed once the Dutchman One Card is here.

Stanson Hall is running on schedule and is actually a little under budget. Annville is beginning a long process of getting a

makeover. All East Main Street apartments will be sold to Annville Township. The money that LVC is receiving for this sale will in part pay for the construction Stanson Hall. MacDonald claims that LVC's relations with the town are improving.

Once all of these projects are under way, renovations will begin on the Mund College Center. Also, the college will not be purchasing Boger and Son, Inc. (the cement company located to the east of Del-

linger and Marquette halls) because the asking price, in the millions, is too much. MacDonald mentioned that 81 percent of the budget comes directly from student's tuition and room and board.

Also at the meeting, a group of students requested SGA to donate money to get part of the AIDS Quilt to come to LVC. SGA will be sponsoring the AIDS Quilt during World AIDS Day, December 1.

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COOKIES: 'only the beginning'

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and American studies double major. "The price of school keeps going up, yet we're being jipped of food! I see no reason for the cookies to not be out every single day."

However, not all students agree. "I think rotating days may not be a bad thing if it keeps the cook-

ginning," Jamie Booker '09, digital communications, added. "As of yesterday, if you are not getting a grilled wrap at the sandwich line, you get to put your lettuce, tomatoes, onions, etc. on yourself, fold the wrap up yourself, and attempt to cut it in half with a butter knife yourself."

Students have obviously been feeling the effects of the changes in the cafeteria, but not all in good ways. Many say the changes make them feel left out since they were never informed.

Some just want to have their voices heard.

"The point is that if Hallmark is going to claim that they care what the students think, then it would really be nice to see that," said Maria Jeannette '09, an English secondary education major. "Actions speak louder than words."

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WARNING: Treasure this sight because the cookie containers will only be appearing every other day

ies fresh," said Greg Kauffman '09, a business administration and Spanish major.

Although freshness may be an issue for some, the lack of information and notification of the student body is a big issue for many.

"Upon noticing the lack of the peanut butter cookies, I was saddened," Alyse Canciello '10, Spanish, said. "There was no memo sent out to inform the college. If things are going to change, I believe the students should be informed. Now I have one more reason to avoid the dining hall."

"The cookies were only the be-

GAS: Fueling the future

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pensive, leaving college students without much of a choice. The EIA projected that by the year 2030, ethanol will only make up about 16 percent of total gas consumption and biodiesel will account for just under two percent of total diesel consumption. The numbers don't look promising up close and even less optimistic down the road.

Jared Fisher '09, health science, spoke reluctantly about alternative fuels being the answer to the energy crisis.

"I don't see it as the answer for me," he says bluntly. "The larger impact will come for future generations."

CNN.com reported that the newest trend in energy efficient vehicles was unveiled Sept. 16. General Motors went public with a new design for battery-powered cars that only uses gasoline to generate electricity when the battery is low.

The Chevy Volt is a unique model that will be the first to refrain from using gasoline to directly move the wheels. Instead, the wheels spin from



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energy produced by a lithium-ion battery running the length of the vehicle. Gas is just a variable. The Volt supposedly uses less electricity per year than a refrigerator and has a top speed of 100 mph. GM plans to place the Volt on sale to the public in 2010.

Meanwhile, there are few penny pinching tips that will generate big bucks in the long run.

Firstly, the easiest way to reduce gasoline consumption is to avoid overly aggressive driving. The United States Department of Energy found that resisting the urge to punch the gas can save drivers "up to \$1.23/gallon."

Highway drivers are encouraged to strictly obey speed limits and use 60 mph as the magical number. Drivers should "assume that each five miles per hour you drive over 60 is like paying an additional 26 cents per gallon for gas."

Second, the performance of a vehicle relies heavily on the functionality of each individual part. For example, a clogged air filter could rob a car "up to 37 cents per gallon" without being detected. Using the correct motor oil and making sure the tires are inflated properly can save owners small amounts of cash up front and prevent costly repairs in the future.

Finally, exercising common sense while traveling could have the most immediate effect on gas usage. Don't run three separate errands when the task can be combined into one trip. Ride with friends or carpool if multiple drivers are going to the same location. Walk or ride a bicycle for short trips around town. With a little effort, small changes can transform into significant results.

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TEACH-IN: Picking apart politics

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ers, spoke about voting rights in Pennsylvania. Junior Kristen Shuey '10, English communications, attended the teach-in.

"Ms. Neiswender explained how privileged Americans are to be able to vote, and urged us to exercise our right on November 4," Shuey said. "One point she made that stuck with me is that Americans used to only be able to vote if they owned land. Not many people would be able to vote today if that was still the law."

Dr. Chris Dolan, assistant professor of political science, conducted a session in Leedy called "End of the Regan Era? The Potential for Regime Change in the 2008 Presidential Elections."

Dolan explained the reasoning behind his theme.

"My PSC 262: The Presidency in the Political System class discussed whether the election of McCain or the election of Obama would indicate the end of the Conservative Politics that were established by Ronald Reagan in the 1980s, similar

to the way the New Deal ended under President Carter," he said. "There is potential for a massive shift where one party would dominate the other party. Since 1980, we have been in the trend of having conservative leaders. Now, though, people may be looking for change."

The "Faith in Politics" teach-in was a panel discussion moderated by English adjunct Rachel Luckenbill, associate professor of religion and philosophy Dr. Jeff Robbins, Father Jim Podlesney from the Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Church in Palmyra, Rev. Jay McCumber from the Cornerstone Christian Fellowship in Lebanon, and LVC student Cassandra Kane '10, English and political science.

The well-attended teach-in included discussions about how faith can influence a voter's decision to choose one candidate over the other and examined the religious principles of McCain and Obama.

How do images shape presidential elections? Associate professor of art Dr. Michael Pittari, Dr. Grant Taylor, and English lecturer Fran Seeger attempted to answer this question in a

good-spirited discussion that showed examples of images used in the both the 2004 and current elections.

Both parties' campaign stickers from 2004 and 2008 were analyzed, with students being asked to choose which sticker was more appealing to them. The Bush/Cheney sticker was the overwhelming winner.

Students were then shown images of President Bush and John Kerry that were used during the 2004 campaigns. Bush was shown on an aircraft carrier dressed in military apparel and surrounded by soldiers. Kerry was shown windsurfing.

Senior Kelly Brower '09, art and art history, also agreed that campaign promotion is an important topic to discuss.

"I thought it was a good idea to talk about the imagery of the campaign because we tend to not realize how images can affect our votes. I think it's a shame that people are so focused on a candidate's image instead of their policies."

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Corrections
& Clarifications

It is our continuing goal to provide readers with complete and accurate information. To that end, we welcome and encourage notification of any mistakes. Readers who wish to submit corrections should send an email to lavie@lvc.edu, subject line: *Corrections*.

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In the article "Stanson Hall brings living option changes," AJ Myers was incorrectly identified as the writer. Samantha Shober '11 wrote the piece.

Features

OKTOBERFEST 2008

SARAH GRODZINSKI '10
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

Oktoberfest, LVC's Homecoming and fall festival, is on October 17 and 18 and will surely bring celebration and festivities to the Valley. In addition to watching numerous sporting activities including the football game against Widener University, students can watch LVC's own, The Pinheads, after the game. Classes will be open on campus all day for alumni and parents to come in and share the experience with students.

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the guys

☒ **Eric Cain**
"I was very honored and excited to hear the news about this year's homecoming court. It's great to have the opportunity to participate in the festivities and to be able to share the experience with my classmates and friends."

☒ **Hunter Chadeayne**
"It is very flattering to be elected to the court your senior year by your peers, but my favorite part of homecoming has to be the return of the alumni to campus. They flock to LVC every year and it gives us undergrads a chance to catch up and see what they are all up to."

☒ **Jeff Dresely**
"I am really excited and honored to be on homecoming court. I'm excited about the football game and alumni coming back to visit. Its gonna be a fun weekend."

☒ **Charlie Fisher**
"I would have to say that when I found out I was on court I was somewhat surprised and immediately began to think of ideas for what to wear. I would have to say that I am looking forward to the fireworks at the pep rally and actually being apart of the Homecoming Festivities. I think it is going to be a great weekend."

☒ **Steve Wisner**
"Honestly, I was a little surprise to find out that I had been voted onto the court. It's exciting and great feeling to know that enough people voted for me, knew me, and liked me to get me onto the court. It should be a fun ride. The most interesting part of it all is how it has helped to make it so real that this is my final year in college, and that is scary and exciting all at once."

FRIDAY'S EVENTS

ALL DAY
Experience LVC Academics. Invite family, friends, and alumni to your classes.

6:30 p.m.
The Ghosts of LVC tour with Dr. Kevin Pry '76, associate professor of English. Meet in front of the Gazebo, Social Quad (Rain location: The Underground).

7:00 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Moravian College in the LVC Gymnasium

7:30 p.m.
Show your school spirit at the LVC Pep Rally at Arnold Field.

8:30 p.m.
Fireworks following the pep rally at Arnold Field

9:30 pm.
See Alain Nu (The Mind Guy) at Lutz Hall in Blair Music Center

Go LVC!

the ladies

☒ **Shelly Burkholder**
"I am really looking forward to seeing a lot of LVC students showing their school spirit at the football game!"

☒ **Mary Eldredge**
"I am honored to be a part of homecoming court because it embodies the LVC school spirit and represents the support of the friends I've gained over my four years at LVC. I'm looking forward to the activities of this weekend because they give me the opportunity to spend time with my family and friends."

☒ **Jillian Perry**
"I'd have to say that as a cheerleader I always look forward to the planning and participation in the homecoming activities on campus, it's always great to see the campus getting involved with our athletic teams. This year I am looking forward to being able to extend my involvement by receiving the opportunity to participate on Homecoming Court."

☒ **Becky Schaffer**
"I am looking forward to seeing the Pinheads the night of homecoming! I feel like the Stephen Colbert of LVC Homecoming."

☒ **Allie Tierney**
"I was definitely suprised to be on court. I'd say I'm most excited for the fireworks, having my family here, and seeing all the sporting events."

SATURDAY'S EVENTS

9:00 a.m. Parents' Breakfast and Workshops

10:00 a.m. Education Department Open House- Dr. June E. Herr Resource Room, Lynch 151

11:00 a.m. Field Hockey vs. William Smith College- Field Hockey Stadium

11:15 a.m. The Global Experience: An Overview of Study Abroad, Leedy Theatre, Mund College Center

11:30 a.m. - 1:30p.m. Oktoberfest Luncheon- Tent adjacent to Arnold Field (rain or shine).

1:00 pm. Women's Soccer vs. Widener University

1:00 p.m. Football vs. Widener University
Pre-game festivities including the Hall of Fame inductees. Halftime activities including the crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen.

3:00 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Widener University

4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. Alumni Post-game Tent
Party-Tent adjacent to Arnold Field

6:00 p.m. Hall of Fame Reception-West Dining Room, Mund College Center

6:45 p.m. Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony- West Dining Room, Mund College Center

Arts & Entertainment

Mario Super Sluggers

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CO-EDITOR

Since he first appeared as a poorly animated, coin-grabbing plumber in 1981, Nintendo icon Mario has risen through adverse conditions and in recent years, increasingly ridiculous plotlines, to protect the Mushroom Kingdom from the ruthless lord of the Koopas, Bowser.

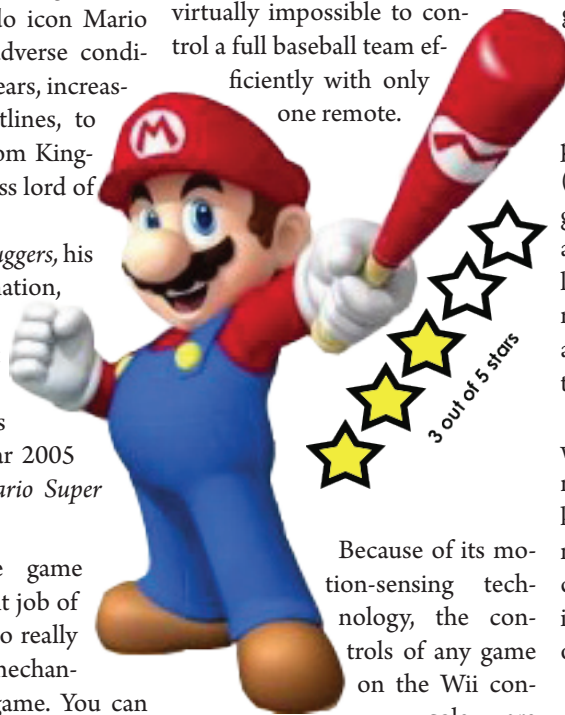
In *Mario Super Sluggers*, his most recent incarnation, Nintendo's premiere plumber returns yet again to the baseball diamond in this sequel to the popular 2005 GameCube title, *Mario Super Baseball*.

Surprisingly, the game designers do a decent job of allowing the player to really get involved in the mechanics of the baseball game. You can bat, run, steal, make double-plays, triple-plays, and even wail a curve ball at your opponent. Individual skills for each character allow you to build a team to suit your preferences. Whether you want power-hitters to knock it out of the park or speedy runners to round the bases before the fielding team knows what happened, there are plenty of options to choose from.

The Challenge Mode also allows you to recruit new characters for the final playoff against Bowser by completing "scouting missions"

that teach the basic controls of the game.

However, with this attention to detail comes a price in that it is virtually impossible to control a full baseball team efficiently with only one remote.



Because of its motion-sensing technology, the controls of any game on the Wii console are temperamental and ill-planned at best, but the game designers simply put too much into this particular package.

Besides trying to manage the standard mechanics of a ballgame, the game designers also allow the batting team to shoot disrupting items at the fielding players and add unique obstacles to each of the stadiums. While all this adds to the gaming experience, it is simply too much to handle.

Nintendo at least has the courtesy to give diagrams and thorough instructions of how to execute these

goals before each scouting mission. However, the mere fact that one is using a Wii remote makes these explanations seem less like a video game and more like a tactical briefing for the storming of Normandy Beach.

It is worth noting though, that playing with just the Wii remote (without the nunchuk attachment) greatly simplifies the game, and is a good way for first time players to learn the basics. However, it also removes a great deal of the strategy, as players can only run one base at a time and cannot steal bases.

Call me old-fashioned, but when I think of Mario, I think of a nice little romp through mushroom kingdom, collecting coins, eating mushrooms, and dodging the occasional rogue Goomba, not flailing my arms about like a maimed octopus.

Ever since the advent of 3-D video game platforms, the Mario franchise has increasingly lost the arresting simplicity that won over so many fans. However, times have changed, and it would be unreasonable to think that Mario wouldn't change with them.

All in all, *Super Sluggers* is a competent take on the virtual baseball game, though when placed alongside legendary titles like *Super Mario Bros.* and even *Super Mario 64*, it pales in comparison.

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Laughter speaks louder than words for Friday night entertainment

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If you're one of those students that begins your search for something to do on campus Friday nights by saying, "Not another comedian!" then listen up.

Director of Student Activities Jen Evans explains that when it comes to the free Friday night activities sponsored by the Student Programming Board, the reason for so many comedians this year has nothing to do with the economy.

It's really all about attendance.

Historically, comedians get the best attendance of any acts brought to LVC. It seems that this will again be the case this year, with over 550 in attendance at the shows of comedians Ronnie Jordan and TK Katara and 350 at Owen Smith's.

Evans says attendance drops dramatically the weeks that bands performed. According to the Evans, it's hard to regain the momentum after such dips in attendance. Even the last big musical act of the spring 2008 season, acapella group "The Fault Line," only drew a crowd of 150 people.

The search for acts begins at least a year before the entertainers ever set foot on campus. That way, the lineup can be printed in the LVC handbook.

To find these acts every year, Evans and eight to 12 of the student members of the Student

Programming Board (SPB) try to attend the week-long conventions for the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA) and the Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities (APCA).

At these conventions, between 35 and 40 performers get on stage to "show their stuff." From these performances and demo discs collected at the booths, the SPB develops a considerable list of potential acts that is then weeded down to create the next year's lineup of events. This process is done with minimal input from the administration, so acts seen on campus are really what the students (or at least those on the programming board) want to see.

A survey was conducted to see what students on campus really want to see on their Friday nights. They were asked whether they would like to see comedians, musicians, movies, or magicians. Of the 25 students who responded, comedians were in fact the most popular choice, but only 40% of the total vote.

For the 60% of you that wanted music, movies, or magic, let Jen Evans (jevans@lvc.edu) know and then SHOW UP TO THE EVENTS! These activities are for LVC students and your voices will be heard...only if you are willing to speak up.

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Gallop on over to the movie theater for 'Appaloosa'

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Riding into town with an air of chivalry and confidence and feared as the quick-draw McGraw's of their time is Ed Harris as Virgil Cole and his partner Viggo Mortensen as Everett Hitch in the sweeping western *Appaloosa*.

Ed Harris stars, directs, and authored the screenplay of this beautifully artistic piece. The film also stars Jeremy Irons as Randall Bragg, the ruthless villain, and Renee Zellweger as Allison French, Virgil's love interest.

Appaloosa weaves the story of two gunmen who are called upon

to rid the small town of Appaloosa of scurrilous ranchers and restore peace. After Virgil becomes active marshal and Everett becomes acting deputy, things begin to improve with a little bloodshed along the way. When the seductive and voluptuous Mrs. French enters the picture, things start to heat up, literally.

A History of Violence was the last joint venture between Harris and Mortensen where their chemistry was ignited on screen. In *Appaloosa*, they are a team that is able to evoke the feeling of camaraderie of brotherhood even though they are not related. One knows what the other

is going to say before he speaks.

For that reason alone, this movie is worth watching, along with the epic landscape cinematography and riveting musical score. Both leads are truly brilliant. Their dialogues are simple but thoroughly charming. This film benefits in sparse use of dialog and in turn, makes character communication much more powerful.

Westerns are currently a dying genre in Hollywood. Films have become so laced with violence, nudity, and profanity that directors who don't strive toward creating something with those elements in mind their movies flop at the box

office.

Films about survival and character study are so hard to come by in 21st century American cinema. Westerns used to be the staple in every cinema junkie's diet and an important part of American heritage. *Appaloosa* returns cinema to this long awaited tradition.

Mrs. French's musical theme was as lovely as was she. It incorporated a solo cello paired with some light chaotic strings, a regal trumpet, and a light saxophone. It was elegant and conservative with a slash of spontaneity.

Without sounding too cliché, this film is a diamond in the rough.

It will be surpassed by many theatre goers, but I urge you to see this film. It's a thoroughly intelligent and engaging film that audience members will find themselves easily engrossed on the lives of each character. So what are you waiting for? Get on your horse and giddy-up to your local theatre.

Final Rating: B

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Debating the VP debate

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LA VIE STAFF WRITER

Poised and ready.

That was Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin's attitude as she walked to meet Delaware Sen. Joe Biden in the center stage before the much-anticipated 2008 Vice Presidential debate.

As a Republican, I was hoping that Palin's intelligence would be apparent instead of the train-wreck catastrophe during Katie Couric interviews. Luckily, she came out swinging.

"Americans are craving a new energy," she stated early in the debate. Palin went on to attack Illinois Sen. Barack Obama, saying he "went beyond poor judgment" in his dealings with foreign threats.

My favorite line of Biden's part of the debate was, "I have almost as many friends on the Republican side of the aisle."

Really?

Please, Sen. Biden, show me those Republicans.

For some reason—maybe it is my sense of "conservative close-mindedness"—I feel like that isn't true. Well, I guess Biden does agree with one Republican on an issue: President Bush and his plan for Iraq.

"Bush is negotiating the plan Obama wants to do," he stated. "The odd-man out is McCain."

I was surprised to see Arizona Sen. John McCain as the odd-man out, especially when the Democratic Party has tried so hard to link Bush and McCain as one and the same.

Both VP candidates agreed on not supporting same-sex marriage, closing any controversy over that topic while both sparred on climate issues.

"The alternative fuels need to be tapped into," Palin stated, before at-



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GLOVES AND LIPSTICK COME OFF Tony Gorick (left) defends self-proclaimed hockey mom Sarah Palin, while Patrick Salomon justifies Joe Biden's performance in last week's vice presidential debate

tacking Biden about his "clean coal" record.

Regarding climate change, Biden gave a repeated (and defensive?) answer.

"I think it is man-made," he said. "I think it is clearly man-made...the cause is man-made, that is the cause."

I'm fairly certain Biden thinks the cause is man-made, but I don't know for sure. I think he could have possibly stated it for a fifth time.

Gwen Ifill of PBS moderated the debate. She kicked up some controversy by failing to tell the commission conducting the debate that she had recently completed a book on racial politics in the age of Obama. She asked the candidates a question about how an attack on Palin is "lack of experience" and Biden is "lack of discipline."

"My connection to the heartland of America" is what Palin stated as her experience while Biden used the cliché my-weakness-is-my-strength ploy saying he instead had "excessive passion."

Overall the debate had energy. It was far better than the dry, bor-

ing, and ultimately dull exchange between the presidential candidates McCain and Obama. Palin did a lot better than I expected, and since I believe in a lot of what McCain says, it is good she breathed new life into the party. It was a party that started to look like old white guys in suits.

Fortunately, I think they can bring real change, and that is the change I want to believe in.

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REV. PATRICK SALOMON '09

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After watching the Vice Presidential debates, I felt more than a little disappointed.

I tuned in on Thursday night hoping for credibility and entertainment and was found wanting. They might as well have been moderated by Ed McMahon, what with all the vicious talking heads in the mainstream media hyping the event like it was some sort of epic cage match, chainsaws and all.

"In the left corner we have Joseph 'Ol' Joe' Biden. And in the right corner stands Sarah 'The Bulldog' Palin." I could almost hear McMahon over the loud speakers.

After all this hype, the debates were relatively anti-climatic. Palin didn't come off as a complete twit, despite the "Couric Interview," and Biden kept his notorious tongue in check, a move that may have been too cautious. Both candidates skirted issues and avoided questions while moving the dialogue towards their respective strong points and scoring minor victories.

All the buzz words, obviously prepared sound bites, and displays of etiquette were present and accounted for. I lost track of how many times Palin said "maverick": more than necessary, really. Unfortunately, it seems that Palin's "cute" persona is here to stay, and that high pitched voice makes me feel punchy.

In all truth, the debate was more of what we would have expected had both candidates been regular politicians, which they are.

This goes to show how the mainstream media and respective campaigns have high-jacked the levity of the presidential election and turned them into a three-ring circus. All hail the mighty ratings and poll numbers and damn the truth to hell. But, I digress.

So who really won the VP debate? Biden did a somewhat better job of getting his points across than Palin, and he also has the advantage of running on a platform that is good for the country.

Good job, Grand Old People, you have replaced your "crusty-old-white-man" look with a marginally hot hockey mom. Can we talk about the issues now?

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Letter to the Editor

YOU WROTE

To the Editors:

In the Oct. 1st article "Stanson Hall brings living option changes" Mr. Kuntz stated a new plan for a housing/point system. I feel that many students are going to be at a disadvantage because of this system.

If a student is voted into a presidential position can the student body honestly say that it is always

Many students at a disadvantage with new housing lottery system

because that person will do a good job or is it because that person is popular? Does the system take into account that some students are very involved members of a few groups, while others are in many but rarely participate?

What about a student who doesn't have time to get involved in some organizations due to a major? Does the point system take into account that only a few students are

athletes? What if that person has to take up 2 extra jobs and doesn't have the spare time for activities? What about students who choose to not get involved in the community because they don't want to? What happens if a student is very involved in the community, but not the LVC community? Does their work not get recognized?

The point system would only serve a few and not the many. I

understand the want for encouraging students to get involved in the community but rewarding it with better housing doesn't feel like the best way to do it.

A good friend of mine pointed this out, "If you're more involved you're gonna spend less time in the house [anyway]."

Matt Oleyniczak '09

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SPORTS

Men's soccer splits week

NATE YINGER '09
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

The men's soccer team split its matches this week.

Misericordia traveled to Herbert Field on Wednesday, returning home with a 4-1 victory. Mental lapses in the back, an inability to defend a strong Cougar counter-attack, and problems capitalizing on scoring chances all contributed to the LVC loss.

The Cougars took first half control when Cody Hack took advantage of a turnover and scored on a breakaway in the 25th minute.

Just minutes into the second half, the Dutchmen defense got caught ball-watching in their own box, and

Joe DiGirolomo scored, giving the Cougars a 2-0 advantage.

LVC regained momentum in the 69th minute off a goal by Jordan Auman '12, his second goal in as many matches. Seven minutes later, Misericordia scored on a counter-attack and added a fourth goal in the 86th minute, making the score 4-1.

On Saturday, tied at one at the half, the Dutchmen squad exploded for four goals in the second half en route to a 5-2 victory over conference rival Albright. Leading the way for the Dutchmen was Travis Steedle '10 with two goals and one assist.

Steedle opened the scoring in the 25th minute, converting a pass from Ethan Groff '12 to give LVC a 1-0 lead.

Albright responded minutes later when Mark Yost took advantage of a poor LVC counter-attack defense to tie.

The Valley came out strong in the second half. Chris Hall '12 and Groff scored in the first ten minutes to give LVC a 3-1 lead. Albright answered to give the Lions some momentum, but Steedle converted a breakaway for his second goal of the match three minutes later to crush any regain control. Eric Woods '12 scored his first collegiate goal on the rebound of a goalmouth scramble to cement the win for LVC.

The Dutchmen (6-6, 2-0) travel to Arcadia Saturday before hosting conference rival #2 Messiah next Wednesday.

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Women's soccer puts victory in the goal

TONY GORICK '11
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LVC women's soccer team is making a statement: they are in it to win.

The Dutchmen continued their domination this week defeating King's College on the road and Albright at home on Herbert Field.

Erin McGarvey '09 took advantage of a hole in King's defense and capped off her rapid breakaway with a goal early in the first half to get LVC rolling.

Lauren King '11 scored an early goal to open the second half. King took advantage in a defensive lapse as she sent the ball into the net.

Ely Kirkhoff '11 added to the scoreboard late with a shot out of the goalkeeper's reach making it 3-0. The Monarchs scored minutes later after beating a surprised LVC defense to break the shutout. The Dutchmen left with a 3-1 victory.

LVC's real test came on Saturday against conference foe Albright.

In the first half the Dutchmen dominated the field but couldn't take advantage of scoring chances. Adding to the frustration was Albright's late first-half goal, putting LVC down 1-0.

Kristen Mauser '09 tied the game with an arching far-out shot that buried itself into the back of the net

, tying the game 1-1 after the break.

With several shots just missing the mark, the Dutchmen eventually recorded two late goals.

Dana Thomsen '10 sent a long ball over the goalkeeper's reach while King added yet another goal for the season heading the ball into the net minutes before the final whistle.

LVC goalkeepers Stacy Ganley '11 and Alyson Reitmeyer '12 provided the Dutchmen defense with a solid backbone, making a combined eight saves during the games.

LVC (7-3-0) hosts Gettysburg today at 4 p.m.

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HOCKEY: Squad continues to dominate

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capped off the scoring.

The defense continued its strong play behind goalkeeper Caitlin Baro '10, who needed only two saves to record her seventh shutout of the season.

"We've been working really hard and together as a unit both in games and in practice," said Baro. "Every-

one is there to back each other up, so any small breakdowns we have don't turn into big mistakes."

The defense has not made any mistakes over the last four games, holding their opponents scoreless, allowing the offense to outscore the opposition 20-0.

LVC will look to continue their

success against the conference rival Messiah College in their next game.

"The Messiah game is always huge for us, especially since they beat us last year in the conference championship," said Wolfe.

The Dutchmen will face the Falcons at home on Sat., Oct. 11 at 1 p.m.

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Journal of an LVC tennis player

SARAH GRODZINSKI '10
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

There is nothing worse for an athlete than waking up the day of a big match with a headache and fever.

This happened to me not once, but three times in the past week. I did my best to play through it, but it is awesome to know you have teammates to back you up and step in and play.

It's great to know there are people that have your back.

We had four matches in the past week, and we went 4-0.

After shutting out fellow conference team Arcadia 9-0 on Tuesday, we beat Goucher 8-1 on Thursday. Juniata, which was supposed to be a tough match, proved to be one of the best matches of the fall, as we blanked them 9-0. Sunday, we shared our courts with the men's team, as we both took on Susquehanna. We won our fourth match of the week with a 7-2 win, and the guys gained a 1-0 start to

the season when they won 5-4.

Today, we have one of the most important matches of the season, Messiah. We finally beat E-Town, so now we have a chance to be seeded #1 for the conference playoffs in the spring. That is, if we beat Messiah today.

It will be a tough match, but we have the home court advantage, so come cheer us on—the more support the better!

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BY THE NUMBERS

11/03

The day the LVC football team reached 3 wins on the season in 2007, nearly a month later than 2008.

3

Number of LVC players earning Commonwealth Conference player of the week recognition this week.

4

Position finished by LVC golfer Steve Garby '10 last Wednesday at the Messiah College Falcon Classic

2-0

LVC men's soccer conference record after victories over Elizabethtown and Albright

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

CHARLIE PARKER FOOTBALL

Parker touched the ball 44 times for a school record 267 yards in LVC's 28-21 win over Wilkes. He also scored twice and tallied 17 receiving yards.



ALEX WOLFE FIELD HOCKEY

Wolfe led the squad to its sixth straight win, including three in the same week. She scored six goals and an assist, giving her 100 career points.



Scoreboard

Football:

10/4 at Wilkes W, 28-21

Field Hockey:

9/30 at Elizabethtown W, 2-0

10/2 vs. Shenandoah W, 9-0

10/4 at Stevenson W, 4-0

Volleyball:

10/1 vs. Widener W, 3-1

10/3 St. Joseph's W, 3-1

10/3 E. Conn. State W, 3-1

10/3 FDU-Florham W, 3-0

10/3 Richard Stockton W, 3-1

10/7 at Lycoming W, 3-0

Men's Soccer:

10/1 vs. Misericordia L, 1-4

10/4 vs. Albright W, 5-2

Women's Soccer:

10/1 at King's W, 3-1

9/23 vs. Albright W, 3-1

Men's Tennis

10/5 vs. Susquehanna W, 5-4

Women's Tennis

10/2 vs. Goucher W, 8-1

10/3 vs. Juniata W, 9-0

10/5 vs. Susquehanna W, 7-2

Men's Cross Country

10/3 at Paul Short Classic 28/41

Women's Cross Country

10/3 at Paul Short Classic 29/37

Golf

10/1 at Messiah 10/16

10/6 at F&M 16/17

10/7 at Gettysburg 11/11

Upcoming Games

For a complete schedule of upcoming games by team check out godutchmen.com



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on weekend
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Football tied for
first in MAC
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SPORTS

Dutchmen outflank Colonels

Parker rushes to a record day

RYAN ZVORSKY '09

CIRCULATION MANAGER

Jump in, fasten your seatbelts, and hang on for the ride during Middle Atlantic Conference action.

The LVC football team is for real.

After a tough 23-16 loss to Moravian and a much-needed bye week, the Dutchmen were fired up to play conference foe Wilkes, and headed home with a 28-21 victory, the first win against the Colonels since 1992.

Head Coach Jim Monos knew this game started a brand new season for his team and that his team needed a good start.

But on the first drive of the game, after a 48-yard return by the Wilkes special teams, quarterback Rob Johnson and his offense looked to score on a second and goal from the four.

However, Jeff Ochoa '10, playing outside linebacker in the 3-4 defense, drilled Jamar Beverly as he coughed up the ball, and Ochoa pounced on the pigskin for a touchback.

On LVC's first possession, southpaw Caleb Fick '11 and the offense went on an impressive 15-play drive, milking 6:42 off the clock.

Tailback Charlie Parker '10, who had a historic day on the ground, carried the ball seven times on the drive and converted on a crucial



Courtesy Sports Information

WHAT A RUSH Charlie Parker '10 had another record day, rushing for 267 yards on 44 carries.

fourth and one chance.

Parker set school records with 44 carries and 267 yards. With both 2,364 career yards and 21 rushing touchdowns, he currently sits in second place all-time.

Dan DiBona '10 then attempted a 28-yard field goal, but missed it wide left to keep the game scoreless.

The Dutchmen defense created another big play on a fumble recovery in the second quarter by inside linebacker Will Keylor '10.

On the next play, Fick hooked up with wideout Joe Brennan '10 who beat the coverage to score on

the 37-yard reception.

Kicker Brittany Ryan '11 split the uprights with the PAT to make it 7-0.

Wilkes continued to turn the ball over and LVC capitalized again.

With DiBona kicking off, Shawn Gregson returned and looked to take it to the house, but DiBona stripped him of the football and Jurey Fowlkes '11 recovered on his own 26.

The Dutchmen were on the move again and with a 12-play, 74-yard drive, LVC went up 14-0.

During the drive, Parker took the ball on six straight plays before Fick tossed a five-yard touchdown

pass to wideout Matt Donley '10.

The score stood at 14-0 heading into halftime.

After the Colonels scored early in the third quarter, LVC turned to their defense for another big play.

With Wilkes starting out on their own five, Beverly again fumbled, and Ochoa recorded his second fumble recovery of the afternoon.

Two plays later, Parker scampered into the end zone and Ryan made it 21-7.

With less than eight minutes to play, the home team answered, but the Dutchmen secured the win on a Parker 12-yard run after Trevor Goodman '09 recovered a Colonel fumble, the fifth Colonel turnover.

Another Wilkes touchdown didn't matter for LVC, who stand tied for first place in the MAC.

Monos spoke during his post-game interview about the victory.

"It is a great win for our football team," said Monos, "but I am going to tell you that down the stretch, Charlie made some big runs. I've learned as I get older that a win is a win is a win and we'll take that win."

LVC (3-1, 1-0 MAC) travels to 16th-ranked Delaware Valley this Saturday in a showdown for first place. Kickoff is slated for 1 p.m.

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Flying high

*Field hockey extends
shutout streak*

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LA VIE SPORTS EDITOR

Three wins in two full games marks a successful week for the LVC field hockey squad.

The team began the week beating the Blue Jays 2-0 at #14 Elizabethtown in a resumed game on Wednesday.

The game originally scheduled for Tuesday was in a scoreless tie with 24:52 remaining when play was halted due to weather.

It was just what the team needed, as they came out strong on day two.

With the clock at 53:10, Alex Wolfe '09 tapped in a goal off a shot by Nikki Bomberger '10.

Shortly after, Shelly Lobach '11 knocked in the insurance goal, sending the Valley home with a 2-0 conference victory.

The Dutchmen carried the momentum of their conference win into their game against Shenandoah, dominating the game 9-0 at home.

Shelly Lobach '11 scored the first two goals of the game. Jocelyn Novak '12 followed with her team-leading 12th goal of the season.

Wolfe recorded a hat trick in the game, propelling her to conference player of the week honors. Her goals came consecutively to close out the half, just over seven minutes apart.

LVC led the game 6-0 at the break.

Cait Eckenrode '11 scored twice and Allison Bicher '11 also scored, bumping the score to 9-0.

"The team's playing as well as I could hope for," said Wolfe. "Besides executing the fundamentals, our team has become [better at] encouraging each other on the field and maintaining a high level of intensity."

That intensity continued as they traveled to Stevenson on Saturday, coming away with another shut-out victory, 4-0.

Wolfe recorded her 100th point of her career with two goals and an assist. The total makes her the seventh LVC player to reach the mark.

Novak recorded her 13th goal of the year and Avery Carter '10

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Eight seasons of winning for volleyball

MATT MARTIN '09

LA VIE STAFF WRITER

The LVC women's volleyball team reached at least 20 wins for the eighth straight season.

After cruising past Widener University on Oct. 1, lifting their conference record to 2-0, the girls are working like a well-oiled machine.

Coach Wayne Perry praised his team for their defensive discipline which has governed their play so far this season.

"Our defense is incredibly solid," said Perry with admiration.

But that's not their only strength.

"We have such a versatile crew," Perry said, "We all take a little piece."



Courtesy Sports Information

SET FOR VICTORY The volleyball team has dominated to the tune of a .909 winning percentage on the season

The team's success has been bountiful, posting a 20-2 record.

The Dutchmen swept the competition at their last tournament, The Devils' Classic at FDU-Florham, before ousting Richard Stockton in the final match. Perry recalled the games' intensity, saying, "It was such a hostile envi-

ronment. Everyone wanted us to lose."

Erin Yost '09 earned a spot on the all tournament team tallying 95 assists in the last two matches. Yost is currently ranked second in the nation in assists per set at 11.53.

The team looks to move their success off the court by sponsoring a non-perishable food drive for charity. All contributions will be sent directly to the Central PA Food Bank. Red collection barrels can be found inside Arnold Sports Center near the weight room. Donations will conclude on Oct. 22, which also marks the last regular season home match for LVC against Messiah College.

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